

House Resolution No. 3311

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have brought glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their endeavors; and

Whereas, Craig and Pamela Akers of the town of Richwoods in Washington County have attained considerable distinction as the founders of the Shawn Hornbeck Foundation which is dedicated to helping in the location and recover of lost, missing, or abducted children; and

Whereas, the Shawn Hornbeck Foundation also serves as a source of educational and child identification services throughout the midwestern United States; and

Whereas, a member of the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) and the Search and Rescue Council of Missouri (SARCOM), the Shawn Hornbeck Foundation provides free child identification programs to children aged seventeen and under and highly trained Search and Rescue teams and K-9 Search teams to law enforcement, public safety, or emergency management agencies; and

Whereas, Craig and Pamela Akers were honored by WGN Chicago as 2004 Unsung Heroes, and Pamela Akers enjoyed the distinct pleasure to serve as a 2004 Olympic Torchbearer for the Saint Louis portion of the Olympic Torch Run; and

Whereas, Craig Akers is the son of Lester Akers and Anna Quinn, while Pamela Akers is the daughter of Doris Duff; and

Whereas, Craig and Pamela Akers are the parents of two daughters, Jennifer Friday and Jackie Friday, and a son, Shawn Hornbeck, who has been missing since October 6, 2002, when he was last seen riding his bicycle near his rural home:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to commend Craig and Pamela Akers for their establishment of the Shawn Hornbeck Foundation and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for unparalleled success as they offer assistance in the location and recovery of lost, missing, or abducted children and with proactive educational and child identification services throughout the midwest; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Craig and Pamela Akers of Richwoods, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Belinda Harris
District No. 110

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3311, adopted May 13, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker